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**Listing of Claims**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A wheel balancing device comprising:

an elongate continuous tape having a top surface and a bottom surface, the bottom surface of said tape having an adhesive for attaching said tape to a rim of a wheel;

a plurality of weights attached to the top surface of said tape; and

an elongate backing strip having a top surface removably attached to the bottom surface of said tape, said backing strip having a plurality of transverse serrations that designed to form lift tabs to facilitate removing said backing strip from said tape and retain strip integrity.

Claim 2 (previously amended): A wheel balancing device as recited in claim 1, wherein each lift tab is trapezoidal in shape.

Claim 3 (original): A wheel balancing device as recited in claim 1, wherein said plurality of weights are formed by providing transverse grooves in an elongate strip of material.

Claim 4 (original): A wheel balancing device as recited in claim 3, wherein each transverse serration of said backing strip aligns with a corresponding transverse groove forming said plurality of weights.

Claim 5 (previously amended): A wheel balancing device as recited in claim 1, wherein said tape has a plurality of transverse grooves, each transverse groove aligning with a corresponding transverse

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serration of said backing strip, providing a lift tab when separated.

Claim 6 (original): A wheel balancing device as recited in claim 4, wherein said tape has a plurality of transverse grooves, each transverse groove aligning with a corresponding transverse serration of said backing strip and with a corresponding transverse groove forming said plurality of weights.

Claim 7 (original): A wheel balancing device as recited in claim 1, wherein said plurality of weights are substantially uniform in configuration.

Claim 8 (original): A wheel balancing device as recited in claim 1, wherein said plurality of weights are substantially uniform in mass.

Claim 9 (original): A wheel balancing device as recited in claim 1, wherein each of said plurality of weights includes lead and a coating material, the lead being coated by the coating material.

Claim 10 (original): A wheel balancing device as recited in claim 1, wherein said tape, said plurality of weights, and said backing strip have substantially the same lengths and widths.

Claim 11 (original): A wheel balancing device as recited in claim 1, wherein said tape comprises a double-sided, pressure-sensitive adhesive tape.

Claim 12 (original): A wheel balancing device as recited in claim 1, wherein said backing strip

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comprises a silicone release paper.

Claim 13 (original): A wheel balancing device as recited in claim 1, wherein said backing strip comprises vinyl.